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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6845

BILL NUMBER: SB 312

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 3, 2008

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: County Executives.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Boots

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: *Counties Other than Marion County:* The bill provides that in counties other than Marion County, the boards of county commissioners are eliminated effective January 1, 2011, the county executive is a single elected chief executive officer, and the county council is the county legislative body as well as the county fiscal body.

Election Date: It provides that the initial county chief executive officers are elected at the November 2010 general election.

Marion County: It also provides that effective January 1, 2011: (1) the county treasurer, county auditor, and county assessor in Marion County no longer serve ex officio as county commissioners; and (2) the mayor of the consolidated city assumes the duties and powers held by those county commissioners.

Effective Date: July 1, 2008.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Legislative Services Agency:* Legislative Services Agency will prepare legislation to organize and correct statutes affected by this act, if necessary. This function is within the current scope of the agency's work.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Counties Other than Marion County:* The bill does not delete any current county executive or legislative responsibility. It reassigns duties from a three-member board of county commissioners to a single elected chief executive, which could reduce compensation costs. However, officer

compensation is determined by the county fiscal body, and any cost savings will result from the decisions of the fiscal body. Results will vary by county. Officers are compensated from the county general fund.

Marion County: The reassignment of duties from the county commissioners to the executive should have no fiscal impact. IC 36-3-3-10 indicates that in a county with a consolidated city, the county auditor, county treasurer, and county assessor act as the board of commissioners without additional compensation for performing the duties of the board. The city-county legislative body, however, may increase the compensation for the mayor assuming the duties of the board of county commissioners.

Background: In all counties, the board of county commissioners makes various appointments, such as appointing a county resident and a representative of a financial institution to the county land valuation commission and appointing the local alcohol and tobacco commission. The board also performs duties and exercises powers concerning the issuance and payment of bonds of the county and the expenditure of the unexpended proceeds of those bonds. Other statutory and constitutional duties include operating charity farms or county homes in counties with a population greater than 235,000.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Counties.

Information Sources:

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